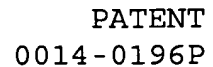


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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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INDEPENDENT	2	-	4	=	0	\$ 86	\$0.00
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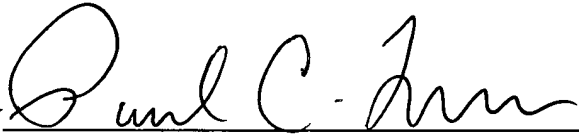
- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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July 21, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated December 19, 2003, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed June 21, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

**This Amendment includes:**

**Claim Set as Amended; and**

**Remarks.**